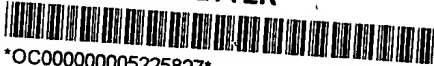


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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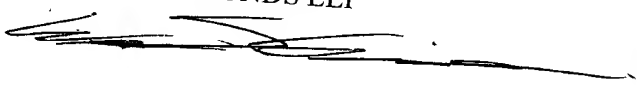
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) mailed July 7, 2000, attached please find Form PTO-1533, Part 2; a Declaration by the inventors; a Small Entity Declaration; a Power of Attorney By Assignee; and an executed Assignment document with Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

The fee for this response including the filing fee, missing parts surcharge and assignment recordation fee is estimated to be \$450.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 9840-041-999). This form is submitted in duplicate for such purpose.

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